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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KAZUYOSHI YAMAZAKI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: PRATIVADI B. NARAYAN
SERIAL NO: 10/549,285 :
FILED: SEPTEMBER 16, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1792
FOR: SUBSTRATE TREATING :
APPARATUS AND METHOD OF :
SUBSTRATE TREATMENT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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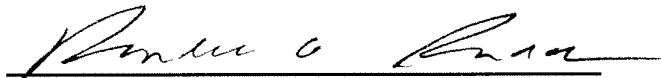
SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 20, 2007, Applicants elect without traverse Group A, Claims 1-8 drawn to Apparatus. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that an examination on the merits of Claims 1-8 be conducted

Respectfully submitted,

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